



Chimes

October

Dear Church Family,

We all know that you never pray for patience. If we do, God will most certainly challenge our patience by having us wait in really long lines or get stuck on the highway for hours because of a wreck. It never fails, right?

Yet, we are to be patient with each other. The apostle Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 13:4a: "Love is patient, love is kind." In 1 Thessalonians 14, we are reminded: "And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them." To be patient with others is to be loving. To be impatient with others is to be rude, selfish, unloving, unkind, and self-centered. So, even though we don't like to ask for patience, we need to be asking God to help us be patient with others. Now, as for being stuck in long lines or waiting on inanimate objects, that is another matter entirely.

Although I try to be very patient with others, I am notorious in my family for being impatient when I have to wait or when I want something right away. Mark and Devin make a lot of jokes at my expense about my lack of patience. Now, I have gotten better at being patient in many situations, such as lines in stores. I have found that it really does not matter how I choose, I always end up picking the wrong line anyway. I have learned to laugh about this rather than trying to switch lines. I have even found that some of my best bonding opportunities with other people in stores occur in long lines. You might say that I have learned to make lemonade from the lemons of long lines. I have also learned that traffic delays are usually blessings. I often see that if I had been impatient and sped up, I would have ended up in a wreck, which would be tremendously more challenging than the annoyance of being late.

Yet, I have to admit that I have found the process of building a house to be a great challenge for my patience. I keep reminding myself that I am so blessed that my late husband and Pastor Mark's former job at IBM have provided the means for us to build our dream home. Even so, all of the delays make the entire process quite challenging. I know that one day it will be fantastic to live in a house that Mark and I designed to have all of the features that I have dreamed about (or grumbled that I did not have in past homes). Yet, we started this process over two years ago, and our projected move-in date is the end of May 2024! You can imagine that this lengthy process is trying my patience, and secretly, I keep wondering if I accidentally prayed to God for patience and forgot about it.

In the second week of September, my impatience turned to excitement. The framing finally began. Now, I can see the rooms taking shape. I am seeing my vision come to life. Now, that is exciting! I still can't wait to move in, but now I feel a little different. I am starting to enjoy the process and find it fascinating to see my dreams become reality. I feel infinitely blessed to be a part of this community, to live on a lake (just as my grandparents and great-grandparents did), and to have not just a roof over my head, but everything I ever wanted in a house.

I would be honored if you would be a part of my blessing, too. I invite you to come to our house at 2830 Oneida Dr. with Sharpies in hand. Please come and write messages, prayers, and scripture verses for our family on the framing boards (but not stairs or any trim). Allow your blessings to be a permanent part of our house. And while you are at it, maybe add a prayer for patience. The house will get done when it gets done. It will be a blessing no matter when we actually move in.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Désirée



WHAT'S HAPPENING? ...

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1: World Communion Sunday, Deacon Meeting

Oct 8: Blood Pressure Screening

Oct 1-9: Pastor Steve and Cherie on vacation, office will be closed

Oct 12: Welcome Table Meal

Oct 16: Loving Kindness Meal

Oct 18: Session meeting

Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat at the church

THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC WEATHER MAP FOR WINTER 2023-24



WINTER IS COMING!

In case you weren't aware, the Old Farmer's Almanac has put out its winter forecast...and it is looking cold and snowy for the Ohio Valley, thanks to El Nino. We could see snow as early as November, with the snowiest periods in late December, January and February. The Almanac is also predicting colder than normal temperatures for us.

Whether you embrace the forecast, or not, it is wise to be prepared. Remember, if there is a level 2 or 3 snow emergency declared in Madison County on a Sunday, **ALL** Sunday church activities will be cancelled, and the worship service will be conducted on ZOOM. The Zoom connection will always be emailed to you each week with the worship material for Sunday.

A NOTE FROM THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Personnel Committee is forming a short-term subcommittee to create a new job description for the Christian Education director.

If you would like to serve on this subcommittee, please contact Hope Smith at hopenmiller1994@gmail.com.

LEFTOVERS PUT TO GOOD USE

The food left over from Sisters in the Lord gathering on Sept. 9 and from the PCC 50th Celebration on Sept. 10 were taken to the Help House and provided a full meal for the Loving Kindness Kitchen.

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS

The Mission Committee is supporting three local missions on an ongoing basis ... Sufficient Grace, Raiders Rack, and US Together. There are collection boxes in the narthex. Next to each box is a list of the items that being collected. If you are able, please consider supporting one of these. Thank you!

MARTHA GEIB SCHOLARSHIP

We are getting ready for the Martha Geib Online Auction which will be the first Saturday in November.

Martha was an active member of our church and community. She cared passionately for the children of our community. The money raised in Martha's memory is donated to London Schools and Madison Plains for scholarships for seniors who embodied Martha's belief of giving back to their community.

As always, we are looking for anyone who would like to donate to the auction either with items or with a gift of money. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Huddleston 740-506-0012 or you can email her at rshuddleston@columbus.rr.com with questions.

A BIG THANK YOU FROM SISTERS IN THE LORD

We want to thank all the helpers and those who were able to attend the first Sisters in the Lord meeting which was hosted by our church.

This could not have happened without the many people who volunteered their time, energy, money, and God-given talents to help create a meaningful day. Forty-five women attended the gathering on Saturday, September 9. Women from different churches shared their faith together, making new friends and reenergizing their spirits. The blessings received outweighed the work involved to make it happen. Thank you! ~ Rhonda Miller and Joyce Lloyd

LOVING KINDNESS MEAL

The church is hosting the Loving Kindness meal on Monday, October 16. The following donations and volunteers are needed:

- **7 boxes Little Debbie Oatmeal Cookies (regular size)**
- **3-4 SERVERS 2:00-4:30** (in church Narthex).

Please notify Debbie Blaho if you want to help
(email dblaho@columbus.rr.com or call (614) 736-5126).



WELCOME TABLE MEAL

The next Welcome Table meal will be on Thursday, October 12. Currently, about 100+ meals are being served. The following is needed for the meal:

- **Chicken & Stuffing Casserole (see the recipe on the next page)**
- **Dinner Rolls**
- **Any Dessert**

Remember, it is best to use a disposable pan.

The food will need to be delivered to the St. Paul AME Church, located at 11 W. Center Street, London, between 4:30-5:00 PM.

Thank you for your support. ~ Dolly McDonley

Welcome Table Meal

CHICKEN & STUFFING RECIPE

1-1/2 cups water

¼ cup margarine

2 (10 oz) pkg chopped frozen broccoli

2 (6oz) pkg quick-cooking stuffing mix (such as Stove Top)

1 (10.75 oz) can cream of chicken soup (or cream of mushroom soup)

1 (8 oz) sour cream or plain yogurt

1/3 cup milk

3 cups cooked & shredded chicken ... you can use canned. (Drain canned chicken)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Spray 9x13 container with cooking spray.

Bring water and margarine to a boil in saucepan and stir in stuffing mix.

*Remove saucepan from heat, cover and let sit about 5 minutes until water is absorbed. Fluff stuffing with fork.

Precook broccoli slightly in boiling water.

Mix cream soup, sour cream and milk together in bowl.

Spread stuffing mix over bottom of baking dish.

Add chicken layer.

Add broccoli layer.

Top with soup/sour cream/milk mixture.

Bake in preheated oven for about 1 hour until hot and bubbly.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to provide a poinsettia for our Christmas Eve Services ... please fill out the form below and place it in the offering plate or mail to the church office (PO Box 226), **along with your check.** We are purchasing the poinsettias from London Florist. **DEADLINE for placing your order is Tuesday, November 7, 2023.** We will order a variety of colors for the Christmas season. Or, you can make a memorial gift to the Generation to Generation Fund.

6" Potted POINSETTIA ORDERS

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

to be picked up after 7:30 service: _____ # to be donated: _____

TOTAL # _____ poinsettias ordered X \$14.00 each for a total of \$ _____

Given By:

Phone: _____

SPECIAL GIFT FOR GENERATION TO GENERATION FUND

Given in Honor Of:

Given in Memory Of:

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Given By:

Phone _____



THE CHURCH IS HOSTING TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, FROM 4:30-6:30 PM.

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO COME AND TAKE PART IN THIS FUN EVENT. WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO PASS OUT CANDY ...

IF INTERESTED, CONTACT THE CHURCH AT 740-852-1215. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DRESS UP AND/OR DECORATE YOUR CAR, AND SEE WHO COMES UP WITH THE BEST COSTUME/DECORATED CAR.

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS TO JOIN IN THE FUN.

COST OF ADMISSION IS ZERO! FUN WITH THE FAMILY IS PRICELESS!!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Blessing of the Animals is an annual ceremony celebrating the human-animal bond, originating from a Roman Catholic tradition as part of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment.

We will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 22, 2023 on the front lawn of the church, at 1:00 PM. If you cannot bring your beloved animal with you, bring a photo so they may receive their blessing.

PRAYER LINE

All requests to be submitted to Shelley Jones at shelley.j.jones8@gmail.com or call 614-425-7570.

IMPORTANT: Due to privacy issues, please make sure any prayer request is with consent of the person concerned.

Let the pastor know when her presence is needed. If you wish to have prayer concerns lifted during the worship service, please email the church office.



"The Lord Himself goes before you and will be with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Deuteronomy 31:8

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM PASTOR ABOU OF THE REFORMED NATIONAL CHURCH OF THE SAHEL (RNCS)

Pastor Abou asks that you pray for their church work in Liberia. He also asks for prayers for the safety of their home in Liberia.

The RNCS has a new website up and running. Please visit www.rnca.org to learn more about the things they are accomplishing.



PCC NEWS

Fall is officially here! We are so excited for this fall weather! We had a busy September! Our fall program started September 5. On Sunday, September 10, we had our 50th celebration! Thank you all for coming out and supporting PCC! It was a wonderful turnout! The kids did an amazing job performing and the lunch was a big hit!

October has crept up so quickly. We have several activities planned for the kids! October 27 will be the Halloween parties for the kids! They will get to dress up in their costumes and go throughout the building and "Trick or Treat"! Later that day is the Trunk or Treat, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM! Also, sometime this month there will be a pumpkin patch in the yard for the kids to go around and pick a pumpkin! ~Abbey



War of the Worlds

Eighty-five years ago, on October 30, 1938, Orson Welles and the Mercury Theatre staged a radio adaptation of the H.G. Wells sci-fi novel *The War of the Worlds* that fooled at least some Americans into believing that Martians really were invading the United States.

The show was set up to seem like a normal music program that kept getting interrupted by increasingly alarming, official sounding "news-bulletins" that tracked the violent progress of a Martian invasion centered in New Jersey. Traditional accounts maintain that despite announcements that the show was fictional, many Americans thought the broadcast was real. The next day, newspapers carried tales of mass panic, and Orson Welles met with the press to express regret for the confusion. Not everyone believed the Martian story ... Those who only caught part of the broadcast or heard the news secondhand often merely believed that a disaster of some kind had struck the East Coast. Many who had initially been fooled called their local newspaper or police station to verify the story and learned that it was fiction. Still, many were truly frightened by the broadcast.

This was not the only time *War of the Worlds* was broadcast. It happened in 1944 in Chile. Next, it happened in 1949 in Quito, Ecuador, causing widespread hysteria. When it was revealed that it was fictional, the fear turned into an angry riot that attacked the radio station, causing \$350,000.00 in damage. Then again, in 1968 in Buffalo, NY.

In remembrance of October 30, 1938, you might consider watching the 1953 black and white movie version, or the 2005 Tom Cruise *War of the Worlds*. Both movies are well worth watching, guaranteed to thrill you!

Pink Tourmaline is the 'modern' birthstone for October and symbolizes a love of humanity.

Opal is the 'traditional' birthstone and symbolizes hope, purity and truth.

October's birth flower is the bright orange **marigold** which represents winning grace and the cosmos, which is a symbol of joy.

October Bits

IF BORN BETWEEN OCT 1-22,
YOU ARE A LIBRA.

IF BORN BETWEEN OCT. 23-31,
YOU ARE A SCORPIO

October's full moon is the
Hunter's Moon. It will
reach peak illumination
on Saturday, October 28.

The Draconid meteor shower will be active from Oct 6-10. The best time to watch will be the evening of October 8 through the wee morning hours of October 9.

Oct. 4: International Ships-in-Bottles Day

Oct. 6: National Noodle Day

Oct. 12: National Fossil Day

Oct. 24–Nov. 11: World Origami Days

Oct. 27: Frankenstein Friday

October glows on every
cheek,
October shines in every
eye,
While up the hill and
down the dale
Her crimson banners fly.

—Elaine Goodale
Eastman (1863–1953)

A large full moon creates the perfect atmosphere for a spooky night. Turns out that a full moon rarely happens on Halloween. According to the *The Old Farmer's Almanac*, a full moon on Halloween only occurs roughly once every 19 years.



May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more;
And nothing but happiness
come through your door.

Steve & Cherie Watters	10-1
Bill & Peggy Link	10-4
Mark & Oanh Johnson	10-4
Roger & Janis Hamrick	10-10
Jay & Alice Phillips	10-19
Larry & Wendy Bobo	10-19
Kevin & Stephanie Mack	10-30



Those born in October tend to keep their surroundings calm and quiet. They have a romantic personality and are charming.

October borns are hard workers who can stay focused on their goals. They are able to face challenges and act like a tough competitor in the process. Friendly and kind hearted, October babies make friends easily. They return affection easily, and treat their friends and loved ones with great importance. A conversation with an October baby can be filled with jokes, dreams, and strong opinions.

Carolyn Garver	10-1	Francis Murray	10-18
Richie Geib	10-5	Ron Schellhaas	10-22
Prudy Goodyear	10-5	Rhonda Miller	10-24
Diane Campbell	10-5	Connie Dwyer	10-24
Gailyn Whipple	10-6	Carole Ames	10-25
Crystal Schrock	10-6	John Gregory	10-27
Mike Alexander	10-12	Shawn Runyon	10-28
Miller Kronk	10-14	Pat Cambell	10-29
Chris Ansel	10-15	Josh Bujan	10-30
Zach Newman	10-16	Keith Miller	10-30
Marshall Geib	10-16	Bill Link	10-31
Ginger Kronk	10-18		

OCTOBER 2023

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED